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1. DEPT NOT CLEAR ON UNEP SECRETARIAT PROCEDURES EITHER FOR DETERMINING STATUS OF MEETINGS (INTERGOVERNMENTAL OR EXPERT) OR FOR SELECTING PARTICIPANTS IN MEETINGS IT SPONSORS. CONSEQUENTLY, REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO UNEP AUTHORITIES AND OBTAIN CLARIFICATION.

2. WITH REGARD TO EXPERTS MEETINGS CONVENED BY UNEP, WE RECOGNIZE DESIRABILITY OF OBTAINING DIRECT INDEPENDENT EXPERT INPUTS INTO UNEP PROGRAMMING. IN THIS CONNECTION USG COULD BE HELPFUL, IN ADVANCE OF MEETINGS, BY SUG-
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GESTING INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGH EXPERTISE IN PARTICULAR

AREAS OF CONCERN. THIS IS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING, OF NECESSARILY REFLECT USG POSITIONS OR REPRESENT COMMITMENTS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE EXPERT MEETINGS MAY INFLUENCE BOTH UNEP AND GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES AND ACTIONS, USG WISHES TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF MEETINGS AND U.S. PARTICIPANTS IN THEM AS WELL AS RECEIVING MEETING REPORTS.

3. ON THE MATTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS, U.S. WISHES TO MAKE ITS CAPABILITIES AVAILABLE TO UNEP THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN AREAS WHERE COMPETENCE EXISTS. AS CASE IN POINT, ALTHOUGH U.S. IS WORLD LEADER IN ARID LANDS RESEARCH, WE UNDERSTAND U.S. WILL NOT BE INVITED TO TEHRAN MEETING ON THIS TOPIC SCHEDULED FOR FEB 26-MAR 4. IT WOULD APPEAR USEFUL TO UTILIZE WHATEVER TALENT IS AVAILABLE TO DEVELOP SOLUTIONS TO THE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA OF CONCERN. ON RELATED QUESTION, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND MEETING MENTIONED IN PARA 1, REF A, IS INTERGOVERNMENTAL, UNEP HAS ALREADY CONTACTED U.S. NON-GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS, BUT SO FAR ONLY PLANS TO INVITE USG TO NOMINATE OTHER EXPERTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF STATUS OF THIS MEETING--INTERGOVERNMENTAL OR EXPERT--AND WHAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS UNEP MAY FORESEE. WOULD APPRECIATE SIMILAR CLARIFICATION OF STATUS OF OTHER MEETINGS MENTIONED IN PARAS 3, 4, 5B, REF A. SINCE PRESUMABLY SOME OF THESE ARE UNEP-SPONSORED INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS, MEMBER STATES SHOULD HAVE OPTION OF AT LEAST OBSERVER STATUS. INGERSOLL

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